

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Brian C. Barnes, et al

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed June 16, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-21 and finally objecting to claims 5 and 16.

The fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is \$500 and the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.054600.

If any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the referenced material, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.054600.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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